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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Pedro Queiroz Vieira
Serial No. 09/918,898
Filed: 07/31/2001
For: **Evaporation Device For Multiple Volatile Substances**

Examiner: Paik, Sang Yeop
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above referenced application in response to the Office
action mailed April 23, 2002, as follows.

In The Claims

Please amend claim 20 as follows.

20. The device of claim 18 wherein said wick openings are formed in a
central area of said heating block between two parallel aligned heating elements.

Remarks

In the Office action claim 20 is objected to because in line 1, the word
"opening" should read -- openings --.

In the Office action claims 1-3, 11, 12 and 15-17 are rejected under 35
USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schimanski et al (US 5,222,186) or Demarest
et al (US 6,361,752) in view of Nothe et al (US 6,172,373) or Bunnell et al (US
1,346,793). The rejection states that Schimanski or Demarest show an evaporation
device including a housing containing a heating block with a heating element, a wick
protruding out of a wick opening in the heating block. However, neither Schimanski nor

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